

**Family Support Council Meeting  
June 6, 2020  
Zoom Meeting  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Amber Finnesand, Sarah Carlson, Bridget Leiseth, Pat Norin, Kristi Hale, Tina Kenser, Michelle Powers, Jen Carda, Diane Baumiller, Janet Whiting

**Members Absent:** Tim Reinbold, Darci Bible, Valarie Ahrendt, Rhiannon Town, Elizabeth Brown

**DHS Staff:** Julie Hand, Kade Anderson

**Opening Rounds and Introduction:**

Sarah called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM CT.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Corrections were made to Darryl Millner's last name from Milner to Millner.

Pat made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes mentioned. Michelle seconds the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Amber - yes, Sarah - yes, Bridget - yes, Pat - yes, Kristi - yes, Tina - yes, Michelle - yes, and Jen - yes.

**Executive Committee Membership/Nominations:**

Jen motions to nominate Sarah Carlson for chair. Pat seconds the nomination. The motion passed with all in favor. Jen motions to nominate Bridget Leiseth for vice chair. Pat seconds the nomination. The motion passed with all in favor. Jen motions to nominate Amber Finnesand for secretary. Pat seconds the nomination. The motion passed with all favor.

**Supporting Families Community of Practice - Julie Hand**

Julie spoke about what Supporting Families Community of Practice is and does for families in South Dakota. Supporting Families Community of Practice looks to continue to partner with families, agencies, and organizations within the state. Good Life groups have started to be offered online to meet families in all areas of the state. Julie will share a list of the Support Families Community of Practice Ambassadors with the Family Support Council. It was suggested to have the Supporting Families Community of Practice meeting minutes sent to the Family Support Council members each meeting for Family Support Council members to read. It was suggested to have Supporting Families Community of Practice as a standing item for future Family Support Council meetings.

**Public Comment**

Public comment was received related to the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to families and their support during this time. The State said it has flexibility for funds during this time for technology for social interactions. Discussion was had about the State and Family Support looking into the need to add technology supports for families because of needs for doctor visits There was discussion about balancing human needs with systems rules of Family Support. The question was asked about what budget authority families have over their budgets for Family Support.

**Adjournment**

Amber motions to adjourn the meeting Michelle seconds the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM CT.